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Title : Device for Detecting Deposits on Surfaces, in Particular, in Washing Machines and/or Dishwashers  
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German Patent No. DE 41 02 146 C1 (Hurst et al.), dated September 26, 1991, and corresponding English abstract;

German Patent No. DE 197 14 664 C2 (Poisel et al.), dated November 14, 2002, washer or dishwasher with cloudiness sensor;

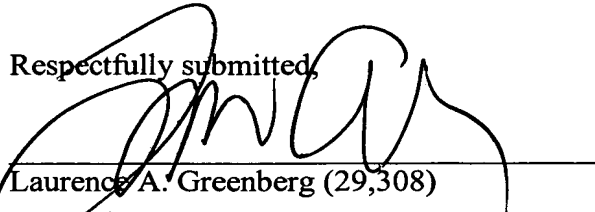
German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application No. DE 44 03 221 A1 (Reime), dated January 12, 1995, and corresponding English abstract;

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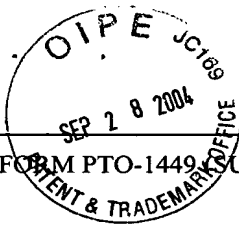
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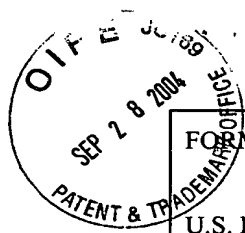
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